

REMARKS

Claims 32-53 and 59-61 are pending in the present application. Applicants filed an after final amendment on September 20, 2005. In an Advisory Action dated October 3, 2005, the Examiner did not enter the amendment. However, he indicated that the response overcame objections to certain claims and a rejection based on § 112 second paragraph and that claims 32-50, 52, 53, 60 and 61 would be allowable if a separate, timely amendment was filed. Applicants seek to place the application in condition for allowance as set forth below.

Claims 32-39

Claims 32, 33 and 35-39 had been allowed in the Office Action dated July 20, 2005. The Examiner had objected to claims 35 and 36 in view of certain informalities and rejected claim 34 under § 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended claims 34-36 again given that the previous amendment was not entered. As the Advisory Action indicated, these amendments if entered would have overcome the objections and rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 32-39, as amended, are in condition for allowance.

Claims 40-50

The Examiner had objected to claim 40 and rejected claims 40, 41, 42, 47 and 50 under § 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended claims 40, 47 and 50 again given that the previous amendment was not entered. As the Advisory Action indicated, these amendments if entered would have overcome the objection and rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 40, 41, 42, 47 and 50, as amended, are in condition for allowance.

As noted in the previous response, withdrawn claims 43-46, 48 and 49 – which depend from claim 40 – are likewise in condition for allowance. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner also indicated that these claims were in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants have changed their status from withdrawn to pending. Applicants have amended claim 43 again given that the

previous amendment was not entered. The amendment is to correct an informality. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 43-46, 48 and 49 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 51

Applicants amended claim 51 in the previous response. According to the Examiner, the amendment raised new issues and was not entered. To expedite prosecution, Applicants hereby cancel claim 51 without prejudice and reserve the right to pursue claim 51 in a continuing application.

Claims 52 and 53

Claim 52 had been allowed in the Office Action dated July 20, 2005. Claim 53 had been rejected under § 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended claim 53 again given that the previous amendment was not entered. As the Advisory Action indicated, this amendment if entered would have overcome the rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 52 and 53, as amended, are in condition for allowance.

Claims 54-58

These claims were canceled in the previous response without prejudice. It appears that the cancellation of the claims was entered.

Claim 59

Applicants amended claim 59 in the previous response. According to the Examiner, the amendment raised new issues and was not entered. To expedite prosecution, Applicants hereby cancel claim 59 without prejudice and reserve the right to pursue claim 59 in a continuing application.

Claims 60 and 61

Claims 60 and 61 had been rejected under § 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended claims 60 and 61 again given that the previous amendment was not entered. As the Advisory Action indicated, these amendments if entered would have overcome the rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 60 and 61, as amended, are in condition for allowance.

Claims 62-66

These claims were canceled in the previous response without prejudice. It appears that the cancellation of the claims was entered.

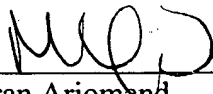
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 892-5630 to discuss any steps necessary to place the application in condition for allowance.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. 285032005901.

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